



Application Procedures for Los Alamos National Laboratory University of California (UC) Campuses Research Partnership Initiatives

Purpose

The Research Partnership Initiatives foster the development of research collaborations between Los Alamos and one or more UC campuses in areas of strategic interest to the Laboratory. An important goal is to assist these initiatives to become strong programs sustained by funds from external customers.

Program Description and Eligibility

The Research Partnership Initiatives provide seed funding for collaborative research in areas of strategic interest to Los Alamos that have potential for external support in the future. The proposed research should build on the complementary personnel capabilities and research facilities of Los Alamos and the Campuses. While the overall collaboration may involve institutions outside of UC, only UC campuses and Los Alamos National Laboratory are eligible to receive Research Partnership Initiative funding. There is no formal call for proposals and no specific deadline. When funding becomes available, white papers that have been received will be considered.

Funding

The funds for the Research Partnership Initiatives come entirely from the Los Alamos Portion of the University of California Directed Research and Development (UCDRD) account. The amount of funding for new Initiatives from year to year depends on commitments to continuing projects, unallowable costs at the Laboratory, and changes in the UC contract with DOE for managing the Laboratory. Only small amounts are likely to be available for new Initiatives during the remainder of FY 1997 and FY 1998.

Application Submission and Selection Process

An informal proposal should be submitted by email or mail in the form of a one- or two-page white paper to:

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The quality of the proposed research (creativity of approach, potential impact on technical field and feasibility of the proposed work), its strategic value to the Laboratory, and the potential for the collaboration to attract external funding will be evaluated by the UC Coordinator when funds become available. If the project is selected for some level of support, the UC Coordinator will request a more formal proposal and budget information.

Application Format

A one- to two-page white paper should be submitted containing the following information:

- Title of the Collaboration
- Names and affiliations of main participants
- Description of the research being proposed
- Anticipated results
- Benefits to the Campuses and the Laboratory
- Potential for external funding in the future
- Budget estimate. (List the total estimated cost by year for each institution for the duration of the proposed project. No indirect costs at the Campus or G&A burden at the Laboratory should be included.)

Selected Proposals

If a proposals is selected, the UC Coordinator will contact you for a more complete proposal with an itemized budget sheet. University funding will require submittal by the campus contract and grants office. The following budget sheet will give guidance on this submission.

Budget Sheet for Research Partnership Initiatives UCDRD Funded Activities

The portions of expenditures for the Campus and the Laboratory should be listed separately. The Research Partnership Initiatives is a DOE Laboratory (Los Alamos National Laboratory) University of California Collaborative Activity. The costs of this program will be paid entirely from UCDRD funds. These are University funds held in an account at the UC Office of the President (UCOP). These funds will be transferred by Los Alamos direction directly to the UC Campus for the Campus expenditures. Because UCDRD funds are University funds, they are deemed to be intramural and therefore not subject to A-21 overhead rates. Proposals from Campus Faculty must be submitted through their contracts and grants office for the usual approvals.

Funds for Los Alamos expenses will be transferred to the appropriate Los Alamos Group. No G&A burden will be imposed by the Laboratory.

It is in the interest of the Laboratory to encourage support of collaborative activities; therefore, campus budgets may include, at the option of the campus research administrator, an amount of up to ten percent of the total direct Campus costs for this purpose. This will be a lump amount intended to be retained by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research. This lump amount to support collaborative activities is a program objective and is not to be interpreted as in lieu of indirect costs, since indirect costs are not required under this program. The lump sum should be labeled "Campus/Los Alamos Collaborative Activities Support" in the Budget Sheet.